

I-405 and Eastside Projects Update

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Last weekend crews reopened all lanes on southbound I-405 in Kirkland at 11 p.m. Sunday night, six hours ahead of schedule and well in advance of the morning commute. Two southbound lanes had been closed since Friday night to rebuild a section of the freeway, and work progressed with seamless precision, allowing for the early reopening.

Traffic conditions were not as favorable throughout the weekend as engineers hoped for, but we thank you for your patience and your help in keeping the congestion from extending well past the work zone.

You can stay informed about traffic closures by reading these e-mail updates, visiting our [construction update report](#), and listening to our highway advisory radio messages (530 or 1520 AM in Totem Lake). You can also help by forwarding our e-mail updates to other people you know who travel Eastside highways.

The next major closure for construction of the [Sound Transit](#)-funded [Totem Lake Freeway Station Project](#) will be a total closure of the intersection of 116th Ave. NE and NE 128th Street for up to two months this fall. Preceding this total closure, watch for lane closures at this intersection. We'll provide more details in future e-mail updates.

You're invited to help continue planning Washington's transportation future

Over the past year Washington's business owners, elected officials, tribes, transportation planners and others have participated in helping to update the state's 20-year transportation plan (2007 to 2026). Now the Washington State Transportation Commission wants to hear from the people who use the system. A [public outreach event](#) is coming to Seattle next week.

- Date: Wednesday, August 23
- Time: 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- Place: Seattle Public Library, Central Branch (1000 4th Ave., Seattle)

Two presentations will be made at this event, at 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. This is the only chance for Eastside drivers to attend a nearby WTP event before the public comment period ends on Sept. 1. You can also [learn more about the plan and give feedback online](#).

SR 520 Project approaches key milestone

Now is the time to make a decision on replacing the SR 520 bridge and improving the SR 520 corridor from I-5 to I-405. To inform this milestone decision, WSDOT has published a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). What is the Draft EIS? Why is it important? How can you read this document and send us your comments? Learn more on the [SR 520 project Web site](#). While you're there, you can also sign up to receive e-mail updates on that project.

I-405 travel options

We're [helping you get around](#) during I-405 construction. Use the [online trip planner](#) and take advantage of additional service in Kirkland: [new Metro route 644](#), [expanded Metro route 255](#).

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